

make up the largest ethnic group at 68 percent. Twenty-two percent of students are white, 6 percent are Asian/Pacific Islander, and 1 percent are African-American. Shelly always insisted that the programming for these students be first-rate, including but not limited to such important offerings as accelerated learning, developmental bilingual education, dual language immersion in Spanish, a gifted and talented education (GATE) program, Mandarin immersion and a program in music and the performing arts.

Advocating for equal opportunity for a high-quality education for every student is both a personal and professional passion of Shelly Masur. In 2013, her advocacy was noted by the influential Silicon Valley Business Journal which named her one of the "100 Women of Influence" in Silicon Valley. She recently ended her term as board president of Redwood City 2020, a public-private partnership engaging 800 plus community members to support the future of the school district and broader community development.

As a city councilmember, Shelly was equally passionate about the need for more housing and often endured strong opposition to building housing for all. For example, a proposal to allow more affordable accessory dwelling units was slated for major downscaling until Shelly developed a compromise that gained six out of seven votes on the council. A property owner near an affordable housing development filed suit to prevent its construction. Shelly and her colleagues fought the suit and ultimately the nonprofit sponsor was able to develop 20 affordable for-purchase new homes for very low and low income residents.

In the past eight years, including five when Shelly served on the council, Redwood City, with a population of 79,000 residents, added over 4,000 new housing units. Presently, over 500 affordable units are either approved or under construction.

Shelly Masur's professional experience includes extensive nonprofit work through seven youth and teen organizations including Teen Talk, the Adolescent Health Collaborative, the John Gardner Center at Stanford, and the Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation. Her husband, Josh, and her three children, Julia, Jacob and Noah, have also contributed to this remarkable woman's efforts, enduring countless hours without Shelly as she attended multiple late night meetings and forums over 21 years of personal and professional responsibilities. We thank them for their contribution to us all.

Madam Speaker, there are many who talk about public service, but few who bear the price and produce such widespread acclaim for their unwavering support of the public's best interests. Whether working on adolescent health, housing, parks and recreation, kindergarten or city infrastructure investments, Shelly Masur demonstrated a knack for getting the job done. Unlike some in public life, her record is real. Our community appreciates her brilliance, insightfulness and honesty. If we've learned anything in 2020, public officials of this caliber are needed to make democracy strong. Fortunately, in Shelly Masur, we have a pillar of democracy. We can truly say, "Thank you, Shelly. Job well done."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I was recently exposed to someone who later tested positive for the Coronavirus. Based on the recommendation of the Attending Physician, I am in self-quarantine. As such, I was physically absent from the House of Representatives on December 4.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 234 and NAY on Roll Call No. 235.

NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANTHONY GONZALEZ

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1830, the "National Purple Heart Honor Mission Commemorative Coin Act."

I would like to thank Leader SCHUMER for championing this issue on the Senate side, and the Gentleman from New York, Congressman MALONEY, for his work. We passed his version of this bill in the House back in September of 2019. Regardless of the chamber, I'm glad we have the opportunity to send this important bill to the President's desk.

The National Purple Heart Mission opened in 2006. The Purple Heart Mission is a New York State Facility that is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and sharing the stories of all Purple Heart recipients from all branches of service and across all conflicts.

Enrollments at the National Purple Heart Mission are voluntary and submissions are made by Purple Heart recipients, their families, or friends. Currently, there are 4,783 Purple Heart recipients enrolled from the great state of Ohio, representing: World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Somalia, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

These courageous men and women are recognized by the National Purple Heart Honor Mission, because surprisingly, the federal government does not maintain a comprehensive list. In fact, the only award for which there is a list, is the Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, the National Purple Heart Honor Mission is an organization that deserves the recognition the commemorative coin will bring.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to attend votes on Decem-

ber 4, 2020, due to unavoidable personal obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 235.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD W. SCHMIDT

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Richard W. Schmidt, who passed away peacefully on November 4, 2020, at the age of 90, with his wife and son by his side. A veteran, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Richard will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

A graduate of Hoover High School in Glendale, California and an avid basketball player, Richard proudly served his country in the Korean War surviving freezing temperatures and combat as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. After the war, Richard returned home to work in the financial and real estate development sectors in Orange County.

Later in life, Richard loved to watch sports, play tennis, golf, and camp. Among his fishing buddies, he was known as "The Judge". After listening to one tall tale after another, he would annually award the coveted Fisherman of the Year trophy. After a few toasts around the campfire, Richard would climb into his sleeping bag for a well-deserved rest.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring and celebrating the life of Richard W. Schmidt for his service to our country, to his family, and to our community.

HONORING DICK STEPHENS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Mr. GARAMENDI, to recognize Mr. Dick Stephens on the occasion of his 100th birthday and celebrate his family's long legacy of shipbuilding in California. Dick is a world champion sailor, designer, and shipwright in addition to a proud husband and family man.

Dick was born into a boat-building family and gained an appreciation for the trade from a young age. He was always curious and felt at home playing in his father's boatyard. In 1928, at the tender age of 8, Dick salvaged a boat and transformed it, all while ingraining in him a passion for boats.

At the end of World War II, Dick and his three brothers, Theo and Barre took over their uncle Roy Stephens' company, The Stephens Brothers Boat Builders and Designers Company. Their uncle oversaw the construction and launching of over 700 vessels. The Stephens brothers contracted with the military during the Korean War and beginning of Cold War hostilities in 1953. They built many ships for the U.S. military during this period. In the 1960s, the brothers sold their company to the Wrather Corporation. After a short while, they